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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR
OCTOBER 21-28, 1973

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY
REPORT FOR OCTOBER 21-28, 1973, WHICH AD HOC GROUP APPROVED
WITHOUT DISCUSSION AT NOVEMBER 1, 1973 MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 67 OF C-M(73)83 (REVISED), THE
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE CHAIRMAN'S
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REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE WEEK

ENDING 28TH OCTOBER, 1973.

2. THE GROUP PURSUED ITS DISCUSSION OF THE SCENARIO FOR THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER. IT CONTINUED ITS REVIEW OF OPENING STATEMENTS AND APPROVED THE REVISED TEXTS PRESENTED BY BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES. THE TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENTS FOR USE BY THE ALLIANCE'S SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONIES WAS ALSO AGREED.

3. THE GROUP RECEIVED THREE UNITED STATES PAPERS:

(A) "POSSIBLE THEMES"

(B) "REVISED SOVIET TACTICS IN THE INITIAL MONTHS"

(C) "RESPONSES TO CONTINGENCIES"

AND DISCUSSED IN DETAIL THE FIRST ONE WITH A VIEW TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO PREPARE FURTHER PRESENTATIONS IN PLENARY SESSIONS ACCORDING TO A REPARTITION OF TASKS TO BE CONFIRMED.

4. A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF MILITARY DATA SHOWED THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR AGREED FIGURES, TO BE FINALISED IN BRUSSELS, BEFORE PURSUING THE DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED FURTHER AND IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS A DEFINITE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SETTING UP OF A REGULAR COURIER SERVICE BETWEEN NATO HEAD-QUARTERS AND VIENNA, AS WELL AS PROVING REGISTRY SERVICES TO ENSURE NORMAL DISTRIBUTION IN VIENNA OF NATO MBFR DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED IN BRUSSELS.

6. THE GROUP AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON THE ORGANISATION OF ITS WORK DURING THE OPENING PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS. AS IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 8TH IN THE AFTERNOON, THE GROUP PROPOSED TO REPORT ON NOVEMBER 9TH IN THE MORNING. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE GROUP WOULD PREFER THE REGULAR ORAL REPORTING TO THE COUNCIL TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS.

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